

ADDENDUM

CH-176

Victorian Store Building, DEMOLISHED

Charles County, MD

Bel Alton

Cathy Hardy, June 2003

7. Description

The Victorian Store Building, which once stood on the southwest corner of the intersection of Bel Alton-Newtown Road and the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, has been demolished. The site is located at 9690 Bel Alton Newtown Road and is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 55, Parcel 11.

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

CH 176

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: MD	
COUNTY: Chas	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

BRICK STORE, Victorian Store Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

BEL ALTON

STATE

MD

CODE

COUNTY:

CHAS.

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Chas. Co.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

MD.

CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One of the last remaining original town buildings in Bel Alton this ca. 1875 building is one of Charles County's most attractive Victorian structures.

The building is a rectangular block of one room with a later addition to the rear. With the facade at the W. elevation the building has an A frame roof running E-W with single cross gables at the N. + S. elevations. At the facade is a centered door flanked by a single large multi-paned fixed sash window to each side. Both windows + door have heavy architraves though only the door appears original.

The S. elevation has a single door with segmental arch near the SE corner. The wing is ~~two bays~~ at this elevation has a single window.

The rear (E) wing takes up approx. $\frac{2}{3}$ of the rear wall of the main block beginning at the SE corner. There were once two windows at this elevation. One has been bricked in while the other was enlarged to form a door. Two windows at the E. end of the wing have also been bricked in.

The walls of both portions of this structure were laid in a inconsistent bond but predominately Flemish. The eaves are deep with Victorian brackets at the cornice and wide barge boards.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Although this building suffered a fire in 1969 damage does not appear to have been extensive. The interior and the facade have been attractively remodeled without distracting from its original charm. It now serves as a fabric + dress making establishment.

As the only brick commercially oriented structure of the Victorian era in Chas. Co., and its value to the now almost extinct village of Bel Alton, and its proximity to Rich Hill (where J. Wilkes Booth hid while escaping to Va. after Lincoln's assassination) this building is certainly worthy of preservation and insurance that its preservation continues.

Bel Alton is a Victorian Railroad village which was fairly well established at the end of the 19th. century. In the 1885 period it, with LaPlata + the proposed village of Chapel Point, rivaled Port Tobacco as the County seat. When LaPlata was chosen Bel Alton all but completely slipped into obscurity.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	
NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Living</i>		
ORGANIZATION: <i>MTT</i>	DATE: <i>12/70</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: CODE	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____